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SUBJ: NASA SUPPORT FOR SYMPHONIE

1. NASA HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE REIMBURSABLE LAUNCH SERVICES FOR GERMAN/FRENCH EXPERIMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYMPHONIE TO BE LAUNCHED BY U.S. DELTA VEHICLE FROM CAPE KENNEDY DECEMBER 5, 1974 INTO AN EQUATORIAL GEOSTATIONARY (APPROX. 36,000 KM ALTITUDE) ORBIT AT 11.5 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE. SATELLITE WILL PERFORM TELEVISION, BROADCAST, TELEPHONE AND DATA EXPERIMENTS IN 4-6GHZ SHF FREQUENCY BAND.

2. NASA NETWORK SUPPORT REQUIRED FROM LAUNCH THROUGH PLACEMENT IN GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT--APPROX. 10 DAYS. TANANARIVE SUPPORT WILL CONSIST OF S-BAND ANGLE TRACKING OF LAUNCH VEHICLE DURING LAUNCH PHASE AND SATELLITE MINITRACK AND
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VHF TELEMETRY AND COMMAND SUPPORT DURING TRANSFER TO SYNCHRO-

NOUS ORBIT PHASE.

3. SINCE TANANARIVE SUPPORT REQUIRED UNDER NASA LAUNCHING ARRANGEMENTS, NASA PROPOSES TO HANDLE SYMPHONIE SUPORT AS ROUTINE STATION OPERATION THROUGH USUAL OPERATIONAL CHANNELS.

4. FYI SYMPHONIE FREQUENCIES HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH INTELSAT AND THEREFORE KNOWN TO GOMR WHO IS MEMBER. CURRENT PLANS INDICATE THAT WHILE SYMPHONIE WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY VISIBLE TO MADAGASCAR STATION, TRAFFIC WITH MADAGASCAR NOT REPEAT NOT PLANNED. END FYI. KISSINGER

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